

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Hirono OF Hawaii,
OR her DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES.

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1429, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. HIRONO OF HAWAII**

Beginning on page 124, strike line 8 and all that follows through line 9 on page 126, and insert the following:

1 “{g} MONITORING, TRAINING, TECHNICAL ASSIST-
2 ANCE, AND EVALUATION.—

3 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—To ensure the successful
4 operation of programs assisted under this section,
5 the Secretary shall use funds from the portion speci-
6 fied in section 640(a)(6) to monitor the operation of
7 such programs, evaluate their effectiveness, and pro-
8 vide training and technical assistance tailored to the
9 particular needs of such programs.

10 “(2) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
11 ACCOUNT.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount made
13 available to carry out this section for any fiscal
14 year, not less than 5 percent, and not more
15 than 10 percent, shall be reserved to fund a
16 training and technical assistance account. In
17 determining the amount so reserved, the Sec-
18 retary shall consider the number of new pro-

1 grams serving pregnant women, infants, tod-
2 dlers, and their families, recognizing their need
3 for more intensive training and technical assist-
4 ance services during program expansion.

5 “(B) ACTIVITIES.—Of the funds in the ac-
6 count described in subparagraph (A)

7 “(I) not less than 50 percent shall be
8 available to local entities that carry out
9 Early Head Start programs for training
10 and technical assistance activities in order
11 to make program improvements identified
12 by such entities;

13 “(ii) not less than 30 percent shall be
14 available to the Secretary to support a
15 State-based system of early childhood edu-
16 cation training and technical assistance to
17 local entities that carry out Early Head
18 Start programs that shall meet the re-
19 quirements of subparagraph (C), including
20 the creation, management, and support of
21 a national network of the State-based in-
22 fant-toddler specialists specified in such
23 subparagraph; and

24 “(iii) the remainder of such amount
25 shall be available to the Secretary to assist

1 local entities that carry out Early Head
2 Start programs in meeting and exceeding
3 the standards described in section
4 641A(a)(1), including—

5 “(I) making grants to, and enter-
6 ing into contracts with, organizations
7 with specialized expertise relating to
8 infants, toddlers, and families and the
9 capacity needed to provide direction
10 and support to a national training
11 and technical assistance system, in
12 order to provide such direction and
13 support;

14 “(II) providing ongoing training
15 and technical assistance on Early
16 Head Start program development and
17 improvement for regional staff
18 charged with monitoring and over-
19 seeing the administration of the pro-
20 gram carried out under this section;

21 “(III) developing training and
22 technical assistance materials and re-
23 sources to support program develop-
24 ment and improvement and best prac-
25 tices in providing services to children

1 and families served by Early Head
2 Start programs;

3 “(IV) creating special training
4 and technical assistance initiatives
5 targeted to serving high risk popu-
6 lations, such as children in the child
7 welfare system and homeless children;

8 “(V) providing ongoing training
9 and technical assistance to Early
10 Head Start grantees, and support and
11 program planning and implementation
12 assistance for new recipients of such
13 grants, including the conversion of
14 Head Start grants to Early Head
15 Start grants; and

16 “(VI) providing professional de-
17 velopment designed to increase pro-
18 gram participation for underserved
19 populations of eligible children.

20 “(C) CONTRACTS.—For the purposes of
21 delivering a State-based training and technical
22 assistance system, as described in subparagraph
23 (B)(ii), that will meet the needs of local grant-
24 ees and provide high quality, sustained, and in-
25 tensive training and technical assistance on pro-

1 gramming for infants and toddlers to Early
2 Head Start programs and in order to help such
3 programs meet or exceed the program perform-
4 ance standards described in section 641A(a)(1),
5 the Secretary shall—

6 “(i) enter into contracts in each State
7 with 1 or more entities that have a dem-
8 onstrated expertise in supporting the deliv-
9 ery of high quality programs for pregnant
10 women and children less than 3 years of
11 age, except that bi-State or multi-State
12 contracts may be entered into if the demo-
13 graphics of proximal States make such a
14 system more appropriate;

15 “(ii) ensure that contracts awarded
16 under clause (I) are in an amount suffi-
17 cient to provide for each state a minimum
18 of one full-time specialist with expertise in
19 the development of children under age
20 three and programming for pregnant
21 women and such children;

22 “(iii) to the maximum extent prac-
23 ticable, ensure that the contracts awarded
24 Under clause (I) and the services provided
25 therein are integrated with and augment

1 the contract or contracts awarded and
2 services provided under section 648 (n);
3 and

4 “(iv) ensure that the entities de-
5 scribed in clause (I) determine the types of
6 services to be provided through consulta-
7 tion with—

8 “(I) local entities that carry out
9 Early Head Start programs;

10 “(II) the State Head Start col-
11 laboration office; and

12 “(III) the State Head Start As-
13 sociation.”.